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SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert released the following statement in support of the Medicaid reform proposals in the FY 2012 Budget Resolution, which was recently released by the House Committee on the Budget:

“The current Medicaid financing scheme is a study in micro-management and unfunded mandates. Block grants are a powerful vehicle to allow states to find innovative ways to provide better services at a lower cost. Today, states have to navigate voluminous rules set by federal bureaucrats which regulate everything from who has to be covered to what services have to be provided.

“With Medicaid swallowing up and ever-increasing portion of state budgets, states need the flexibility to design a system which better responds to Utah unique needs and demographics, while not diverting money from other essential state needs like education and transportation. Block grants provide that flexibility. Real Medicaid reform will rise from the states, and block grants are essential if we are ever to have a chance a real reform.”

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